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TWO MORE CONTRACTS SECURED

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING COMPANY LOWEST BIDDERS

BOTH ARE FOR THE GOVERNMENT

The Monticello, a New Boat to be Built and Repairs on the Umatilla

Two more contracts were awarded the St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., this week. One is for the construction of a boat while the other is for rebuilding and repairing a lightship. Both contracts are for the United States Government and the contracts were secured in competition with bidders from Seattle, San Francisco, Portland and Astoria. The Monticello, a combination dredge and snag boat, will be built here and when finished will be used by the government for improvement of the Cowlitz and Lewis River in Washington, and the Clatskanie River in Oregon. The boat will be 109 feet in length, 38 feet beam and 5 feet 6 inches depth of hold. The total cost will be approximately \$10,000. All the work on this boat will be done at St. Helens.

The Umatilla, reef lightship, which was built 27 years ago, will be almost entirely rebuilt. The vessel is of steel frame with wood sides. All new wood material will be placed over the entire frame and a general overhauling will be done. The engine will be repaired at the plant of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works in Portland. The total cost of repairs on this contract will reach close to \$20,000, about \$12,000 of which will be for St. Helens Shipbuilding Co., and the balance to the Willamette Iron & Steel Works.

The same companies have just finished the repairs on the Salano at the plant of the Willamette Co., all the wood work being done by the St. Helens Co., and the iron and steel work by the Willamette Co.

The big steam schooner which is being finished at the St. Helens yards is now ready for launching and will be loose inside of the next three weeks. She will then be taken in tow for San Francisco where the engines and boilers will be placed. It will be taken to San Francisco so the machinery can be installed, within the next six weeks. No name has as yet been selected for this boat.

BENJAMIN F. GILTNER.

Benjamin F. Giltner died at the home of his son, Edmund, in Portland, Saturday, November 7, 1914 at the advanced age of 81 years. Mr. Giltner had been a resident of Oregon for almost sixty years, coming here in 1857, settling first in Lane County, where he taught school. He afterward engaged in the same vocation in Yamhill County, and in 1864 came to St. Helens, where he engaged in the general merchandise business, being associated in this pursuit with the late Senator G. W. McBride. He continued in business in St. Helens until 1890 when he removed to Salem, where he held a clerical position in the Secretary of State's office until 1903, when he retired and removed to Portland. Mr. Giltner's wife was Miss Susan McBride, who died several years after their removal from St. Helens. Two children, Edmund C. Giltner, for several years secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. P. C. Patterson, of Spokane, survive him. Mr. Giltner amassed quite a considerable fortune, being heavily interested in lands in different parts of Oregon, and largely interested in Columbia County. He was always a firm believer in and ardent advocate of the splendid commercial and industrial future of this state, which it was both his pleasure and good fortune to see develop into a grand commonwealth.

CITY LEVY IS FIVE MILLS

This With License Money, Will Raise \$10,000

The City Council at its regular meeting last Monday night considered the budget as prepared by Recorder Quick, and after considerable discussion, voted to levy a 5 mill tax for the next year. Based on a valuation of \$906,775.00 a 5 mill levy will raise in excess of \$4500. This together with the license money from 7 saloons at \$800 each, \$5600 will raise more than \$10,000. The estimated expense of the city for the next year will be about \$6000 which will leave nearly \$4000 from the revenues to pay on the indebtedness. The total indebtedness of the city, outside of the water bonds, is \$12,138.92. City warrants are now selling at par and all interest on warrants outstanding has been paid.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB FORMED

St. Helens Fire Boys Organize Club and Will Build.

HOUSE TO BE 50x100 FEET

Funds Have Been Secured to Buy Lot and Erect the Building

The members of the St. Helens Volunteer Fire Company at their meeting last Tuesday night decided to build a home for themselves. Organization of the St. Helens Amateur Athletic Club was agreed upon and another meeting next Tuesday night has been called to perfect the organization. Twenty members of the fire company are the promoters and they will be the stockholders. Only members of the fire company will be stockholders. Sufficient stock was subscribed by the boys, together with the money that they have on hand, with which to put up the building contemplated. They have secured a lot on Oak street from F. M. Thorp on which they will erect a building 50 by 100 feet which will be fitted up with club rooms, dressing rooms, gymnasium, dance hall, shower baths etc. A gallery will be placed around the main hall and a stage built in. The building will be completely equipped with all the necessary appliances and apparatus for a modern gymnasium. The boys are very much interested in the enterprise and propose to start work within the next week or ten days. Already they have a number of basket ball games scheduled and they propose to have their building completed in time to hold these events the latter portion of the winter.

OLD MAN STARTS FOR HIS HOME

Wm. McDonald Tires of City Life and Longs for His Old Haunts

Wm. McDonald, nearly 110 years old and a county citizen, who is being kept at the old folks home in Portland, last week decided that he would like to visit his old home at Columbia City, and accordingly started out from the home on the East Side to walk to Columbia City. His absence was discovered before he had been gone very long and he was intercepted out toward the old Fair Grounds, making good time towards his old home. Once before this old gentleman walked away from the home in Portland and that time succeeded in walking all the way to his old home in Columbia City, but his stay was brief and he was again taken to the home in Portland. The health of Mr. McDonald is quite good for a man of such age and he often says he would like to be at home again down among the beautiful trees and shrubs of Columbia City.

LADIES GUILD WILL MEET.

The Ladies of the Guild will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday November 17, at the Guild Hall.

TIMBER COMPANIES MUST PAY ROAD TAX

Six Companies Take Special Levies Into Courts, Resulting In County's Favor.

MORE THAN \$12,000 IS INVOLVED IN THESE CASES

Court Holds Law of Special Levies is Constitutional and Proceedings Were Regular.

Claiming that the special road taxes in several of the road districts as levied for the year 1912 were illegal, six timber companies refused to pay them and commenced a suit against the county to enjoin the placing of a lien against their property for the collection of same. These suits were tried in the Circuit Court and resulted in a decision for the county from which the timber companies appealed to the Supreme Court. This week the Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding the county in every contention. The result is that the six companies who have held out for so long will now be required to pay their special taxes together with penalty and interest. The total sum to be collected by the county as taxes will exceed \$12,000 besides the penalty and interest. The companies who refused to pay and who carried the cases through the courts were the

Hammond Lumber Co., Portland Lumber Co., G. K. Wentworth, Louis Beirl, Peninsula Co., and Columbia Timber Co. The Benson Timber Co., have not yet paid their taxes on these special levies but no doubt will do so now in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court. Attorneys Stapleton & Sleight handled the cases for the companies while District Attorney Dillard represented the county.

In deciding the case the Supreme Court held that the law providing for special levies was constitutional and that while some of the proceedings of some of the districts were not strictly according to law, in the main those proceedings were legal and of such compliance with the law that no person could be misled.

This means that the County or various districts will receive the amounts due them as levied for the year 1912 amounting to more than \$12,000.

CRAZED MAN GOES ON RAMPAGE

Literally Cleans House Out, Jumps From Window

Curley Lee, a laboring man who has been stopping at the Kaleva boarding house, went on a rampage last night and literally cleaned the house out. He took it upon himself to drive the occupants from the house and succeeded in doing so after several scraps, when he himself jumped from a window onto the ground. By that time the sheriff had been notified of the disturbance, and arrived there in time to take Curley into custody and he was given lodging in the county jail, where he still languishes.

DOUBLE SURPRISE PARTY ENJOYED

A number of friends of Mrs. Ira Saurer tendered her a pleasant surprise party last Sunday evening, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Saurer. Led by Mrs. Fred Christie the party completely surprised Mr. and Mrs. Saurer at their home where a most delightful evening was spent. During the evening it became known that on the following day would occur the birthday of Mrs. Christie, so another surprise was agreed upon by the guests and after 12 o'clock the surprise became the surprise. Another hour was spent then in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Christie. Altogether the double surprise birthday was a most enjoyable occasion.

LOOK WHO'S HERE AGAIN

Old Time Mist Editor Again on the Old Job

David Davis, who for several years was editor and publisher of the Mist, but who for the past ten years has been connected with the Timberman of Portland, has returned to St. Helens and taken a position in the Mist office. Mr. Davis will have charge of the composing room of this office and will attend to the wants of advertisers and persons in need of job printing. He has many friends in this county who will be glad to welcome him back to the old office. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have taken up their home in the Lynch residence on Oak street.

COME THROUGH OR SHUT UP

St. Helens, Ore., Nov. 12, 1914. To the St. Helens Mist:

I wish to say a few words as possible that the stuff that has been going around town about me is all rot and not a word of truth in it, and if these people who start all this stuff would put in a little of their time cleaning up their own back yards, this little city would be much better off and they would have just as much at the end of the year. It is a nice coward that will knife a man in the back. Come out, you cur, and show your colors. If you are as rotten as your talk you should have been buried thirty years ago.

J. L. CHITTIM, City Marshal.

EXPENSE BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

Amount of Indebtedness Shown, Together With an Estimate of the Expense of Maintenance for the Year.

Outstanding Warrants, June 16, 1914, Dist. No. 2	\$ 3,092.97
Amt. paid on face of Warrants	2,337.70
Outstanding Warrants, Dist. No. 39	1,258.35
Warrants drawn since June 30, 1914	5,948.20
Total	\$10,399.52
Amt. paid on face of Warrants	2,337.70
Outstanding Warrants	\$ 8,061.82
Steam heat for bal. of year	112.50
Telephone Rental for 6 months	9.00
Water Rental for 6 months	90.00
Light for 10 months	10.00
Teacher's Salary for 7 months	2,595.00
Janitor Work for 7 months	455.00
Clerk's Salary for 7 months	56.00
Incidentals for 7 months	560.00
Amount of indebtedness and expense for school year	\$16,949.92

CAPTURES PRISONER FOR WASHINGTON

Man Wanted for Horse-stealing at Walla Walla. Taken

Sheriff John went to Mist Wednesday where he arrested a man giving his name as Jack Jenkins who also had used the name of E. S. Gear. The man was wanted at Walla Walla, Wash., and the warrant for his arrest charged horse stealing as the crime. Upon his return to St. Helens, Mr. John wired the sheriff at Walla Walla who came immediately to St. Helens. Sheriff Toner of Walla Walla left yesterday with his prisoner for Portland where it is expected a fight will be put up by the prisoner and it will perhaps be necessary to secure extradition papers before the return to Walla Walla can be made.

EXCITING CHASE FOR ROBBERS

Cabin, Saloon, Store and Boat Were Looted

SHERIFFS GIVE CHASE

Loot is all Recovered but Men so Far Not Captured

The sheriff's office received word last Sunday morning that a hunter's cabin at Tide Creek had been robbed. On Monday morning word was received that Mackinister's saloon at Goble had been broken into and some whiskey stolen. Deputy Sheriff White took the trail and on stopping at Goble learned that a confectionery store at Kalama had been robbed and some goods taken, also a boat from the Kalama docks. Mr. White at once got into communication with Sheriff Close of Kalama and together these men set out to find the robbers. They traced them down the river for considerable distance and then lost the track. Coming back to St. Helens Monday afternoon they telephoned all along the line and found that two men had passed Mayger and had looted a launch at the Mayger docks. Taking up this clue the two officers started out again. Arriving at Mayger they secured a boat and crossed over to the Washington shore. Going down the river below Eureka they saw on a bench above the river a tent which they decided to investigate. As they reached the top of the hill where the tent was located they saw two men hurry into the brush and following them got through the brush in time to see the men just crawling over the top of the bluff back of the tent. Not being able to follow the men a return was made to the tent where the ammunition and other supplies from the hunter's cabin, the whiskey from the Goble saloon, the goods from the Kalama store and the articles from the launch at Mayger were all found. Taking these things to a place of safety the officers again took up the trail of the robbers and at last accounts were closing in on them at a point below Cathlamet on the Washington side.

TWO TO DIE SO LEGISLATURE MAY SEE HOW ROPE WORKS

Governor Says Lloyd Wilkins and John A. Pender Will Wait for Convention of Solons

Salem, Ore.,—With latest returns indicating that the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of capital punishment has been defeated, Governor West said today that he would adhere to his original decision to defer the executions of Lloyd Wilkins, sentenced to be hanged December 29, for killing Lou L. Winters in Portland, and John A. Pender, sentenced to be hanged November 27, for killing Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and child at St. Helens, until after the Legislature convenes.

The Governor announced that he believed there would be another

SEVEN VESSELS LOADED HERE

SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER FROM ST. HELENS EXCEED 6,000,000 FEET

GOOD RECORD MADE FOR WEEK

Five of the McCormick Fleet and Two Others Take St. Helens Products

Seven lumber carriers have loaded at the St. Helens mills during the past week, cargoes for Southern California ports, taking out more than six million feet of lumber, also carrying about three hundred passengers.

The Temple E. Dorr, of the Hicks-Hauptman Co., took out a part cargo bound for San Pedro.

The Cello of the McCormick fleet loaded at both mill docks in this city and left out for San Pedro with a full load and all passenger accommodation taken. The Cello and Multnomah had a race down the coast an account of which is given in another column.

The Multnomah, also of the McCormick fleet, pulled out from the St. Helens Lumber Co. dock about 30 minutes after the Cello, having on board nearly a million feet of lumber and a full passenger list, bound for San Diego.

The Johan Poulsen, operated by the Loop Lumber Co., took on a part cargo at the Columbia County Mill dock and sailed for San Francisco with lumber for lumber dealers at that city.

The Willamette, another boat flying the McCormick colors and under command of Captain Charles Reiner, loaded a full load of lumber at both St. Helens docks, and received about 10 passengers from Portland, via the Iralda, leaving out for San Pedro last Monday.

The Yosemite, still another of the Star M lumber carriers, departed Wednesday after loading about 600,000 feet of lumber at our docks. She was bound for San Francisco and also carried a full list of passengers.

On the same day the Klamath, the flag ship of the McCormick fleet, under command of Commodore Johnson, took out a big load of piling for San Francisco. Sixty passengers had accommodations on this magnificent boat.

While the price of lumber has taken a drop the McCormick company is still turning out products from its mills and their boats are never idle for a moment.

attempt to substitute electrocution for hanging and that he wanted members of the legislature to have first-hand information regarding the merits of the noose.

As a consequence of the governor's decision the men will not be hanged during Mr. West's administration. He said today that if there had not been so many measures on the ballot at the recent election he believed the amendment would have been approved by at least 25,000 votes.

"It will cost a great deal of money to substitute the electric chair for the noose," continued Mr. West, "and the members of the legislature who are thinking of making a change should have an opportunity to see how efficient the present system is. It is not costly, and the ropes can be put to good use on the prison farm after the hanging."

COUNTY COURT PREPARING ESTIMATE FOR TAX LEVY.

The County Court and officers are busy this week preparing estimates for the expense budget, which will probably be ready for publication in our next issue. It is quite a job to make up all the estimates for county expenses for a year and is taking much more time than was anticipated.